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SETTING UP OF SC/ ST CELL IN UNIVERSITIES
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to provide equal opportunity to the socially backward groups, Scheduled Castes(SCs) and Scheduled Tribes(STs) students as well as to the teaching and non-teaching staff in the Universities;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether all the Universities have set up SC/ST Cell;

(d) if so, the details and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to set up SC/ST Cell in all Universities?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SMT. D. PURANDESWARI)

(a) & (b) The University Grants Commission (UGC) is implementing following schemes to provide equal opportunity to the Scheduled Castes(SCs) and Scheduled Tribcs(STs) and the other backward classes of students as well as teaching and Non-teaching staff in the universities:

(i) Coaching scheme for Entry in Services for SC/ST and Minority.

(ii) Establishment of SC/ST Cell in Universities.

(iii) Coaching for NET Examination for SC/ST and Minority

(iv) Establishment of Centres in Universities for Social inclusion.

(v) Remedial Coaching for UG/PG level students for SC/ST and Minority.

Subject to finalisation of the XI Plan,these schemes would be further strengthened.

(c) to (e) SC/ST Cells have been approved/established in 122 Universities and Institutions Deemed to be Universities by the UGC. The UGC has been issuing instructions to all Universities from time to time for the implementation of the Reservation Policy of the Government and also to apply to it for establishment of SC/ST cell as per the UGC norms, if such cell has not been established.